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1. SUMMARY. HAVING SAID ALL THERE IS TO SAY IN PRE-VISIT PERIOD, PRESS HAS DIMINISHED ATTENTION GIVEN TO FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER. ON FEBRUARY 18 ONLY TWO ITEMS APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS: AN EDITORIAL IN MONTREAL GAZETTE FOCUSING ON CANADA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD, AND COLUMN OF OPINION (DATELINE WASHINGTON) BY GEOFFREY STEVENS IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, REPORTING WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. GAZETTE EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "PUT CANADA IN WORLD CONTEXT", SUPPORTS PROPOSITION THAT MEETING SHOULD NOT FOCUS ON BI-LATERAL MATTERS. EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT U.S. TAKES CANADA FOR GRANTED, BUT IN TURN CANADA TREATS ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD WITH DISINTEREST. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE AND TRUDEAU'S VISIT PROVIDES "... AN OPPORTUNITY OF RARE IMPACT TO COUNTER BOTH AMERICAN AND CANADIAN INDIFFERENCE AT THE SAME TIME". REMAINDER OF EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT CANADA DOES PLAY AN INCREASINGLY LARGE ROLE IN THE WORLD AND SUGGESTS THAT IT IS UP TO PRIME MINISTER TO FOLLOW
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ACTION WHICH WILL "... LEAVE IT TO HIS AMERICAN AUDIENCE TO JUDGE WHETHER CANADA, ON BALANCE, IS NEIGHBORLY IN PURSUING ITS INTERNATIONAL GOALS. HE CAN LEAVE IT TO HIS CANADIAN AUDIENCE TO JUDGE WHETHER CANADA COULD ACHIEVE MORE IN THE FUTURE, AS TWO SOVEREIGNTIES RATHER THAN ONE".

3. GEOFFREY STEVENS, IN HIS COLUMN, ATTEMPTS TO PUT VISIT INTO WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE AND POINTS OUT THAT MANY OTHER MATTERS ARE PREOCCUPYING NEW ADMINISTRATION. SOME OF THESE PREOCCUPATIONS WILL BE OF INTEREST TO CANADA, STEVENS HYPOTHESIZES, SINCE THEY COULD AFFECT CANADA. FOR EXAMPLE, THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND CUBA COULD JEOPARDIZE CANADIAN TRADE. THE CUBAN ISSUE COULD OVERSHADOW MATTERS WHICH TRUDEAU MAY WANT TO RAISE, SUCH AS CANADIAN DEFICIT UNDER THE AUTO PACT AND US OMNIBUS TAX REFORM BILL ON THE CONVENTION INDUSTRY IN CANADA.

4. STEVENS CONCLUDES BY STRESSING CONTINUING INTEREST IN US REGARDING QUEBEC AND SAYS THAT "WASHINGTON... IS WAITING WITH SOME INTEREST TO HEAR WHAT HE (TRUDEAU) WILL HAVE TO SAY ABOUT QUEBEC. BEYOND THAT THE VISIT SEEMS SIMPLY TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A VETERAN PRIME MINISTER TO MEET A NEW PRESIDENT".
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